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THERE FOLLOWS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE "DECLARATION ON LAW
OF THE SEA AND A REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY" ISSUED AUGUST 31
BY THE 8TH SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM:

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QTE THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING AT PORT
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1. RECALL THEIR DECISIONS TO COORDINATE AND HARMONIZE THEIR
POLICIES ON THE LAW OF THE SEA SO AS TO ENSURE THE MAXIMUM
BENEFITS FOR THEIR PEOPLES AND FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE AND,
SPECIFICALLY, TO HARMONIZE FISHERIES POLICIES IN THE REGION

AND TO ADOPT A COORDINATED APPROACH IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS
WITH DISTANT WATER FISHING COUNTRIES;

2. NOTE WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SOUTH PACIFIC FISHERIES AGENCY PREPARED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
SPEC AT THEIR REQUEST;

3. RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AND IN VIEW OF
THE ACTION TAKEN BY A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING
DISTANT WATER FISHING COUNTRIES EXPLOITING THE VALUABLE HIGHLY
MIGRATORY SPECIES IN THE REGION, THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION
SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH FISHING OR EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
ZONES AND SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES AND
ACTIVITIES IF THEY ARE TO SECURE MORE THAN A VERY SMALL PART OF
THE BENEFITS FROM THEIR RESOURCES FOR THEIR PEOPLES;

4. UNDERTAKE TO COMPLETE AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE AND, IF
POSSIBLE, BY MARCH 1978, THE LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION
TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
TO APPLY WITHIN THEIR ZONES PRINCIPLES AND MEASURES FOR THE
EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF
THE LIVING RESOURCES.

5. DECIDE TO ENTER IMMEDIATELY INTO CONSULTATIONS AT THE
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OFFICIAL LEVEL WITH A VIEW TO:

A. AGREEING ON PRINCIPLES AND MEASURES TO BE APPLIED IN
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION,

B. AGREEING AT LEAST PROVISIONALLY, ON A COMMON BASIS
FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH DISTANT WATER FISHING INTERESTS IN
RELATION TO HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES COMMON TO THE REGION, AND

C. ENSURING THAT AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN THE NEAR FUTURE
WITH DISTANT WATER FISHING INTERESTS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH
THESE PRINCIPLES AND MEASURES AND ARE SO FRAMED AS TO TAKE
ACCOUNT OF PRINCIPLES AND MEASURES THAT THE COASTAL STATE
MIGHT AGREE TO IN FUTURE REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

6. RECOGNIZE THAT THE COASTAL COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC
HAVE AN IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUING NEED FOR INFORMATION AND
ADVICE CONCERNING THE LIVING RESOURCES IN THE REGION AND THE
WAYS AND MEANS OF SECURING MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM THEM AS
WELL AS FOR AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT TO COORDINATE POLICIES IN
THIS FIELD, AND THAT MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES MOVING OVER
BROAD AREAS, CONTROL OF THEIR EXPLOITATION, SURVEILLANCE AND

POLICING AND COLLECTION OF ADEQUATE STATISTICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRE COORDINATION BY A REGIONAL AGENCY.

7. DECIDE TO ESTABLISH A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY OPEN TO ALL FORUM COUNTRIES AND ALL COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WITH COASTAL STATE INTERESTS IN THE REGION WHO SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE COASTAL STATE TO CONSERVE AND MANAGE LIVING RESOURCES, INCLUDING HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, IN ITS 200-MILE ZONE.

8. REQUEST THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC TO CONVENE AND SERVICE NOT LATER THAN THE END OF NOVEMBER 1977 A MEETING OF OFFICIALS OF ALL INTERESTED COASTAL STATES IN THE REGION

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A) TO PREPARE A DRAFT CONVENTION ESTABLISHING A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY;

B) TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERIM AGENCY OFFICE AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CORE STAFF FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR;

C) TO DISCUSS AND PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE:

(I) THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF STATISTICAL AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND UTILISATION OF LIVING RESOURCES TO ASSIST MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AIMED AT SECURING MAXIMUM BENEFITS FOR THEIR PEOPLES;

(II) ASSISTANCE IF REQUESTED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH DISTANT WATER FISHING NATIONS AND OTHER EXTRA-REGIONAL INTERESTS;

(III) THE FACILITATION, WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF COASTAL COUNTRIES, OF A REGIONAL APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT AND TO LICENSING INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON GENERALLY APPLICABLE POLICIES AND MEASURES, FLOWING OF INFORMATION AND STANDARDISATION OF PROCEDURES AND FORMS;

(IV) THE FACILITATION OF COLLABORATION AMONG COASTAL COUNTRIES AND OF COOPERATION BY OTHERS IN SURVEILLANCE AND ENFORCEMENT;

(V) PROVISION OF ADVICE ON NECESSARY CONSERVATION MEASURES INCLUDING THE NEED FOR A WIDELY BASED ORGANISATION ENVISAGED IN THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT;

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(VI) TECHNICAL ADVICE;

(VII) EXECUTION OF AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES.
IN PREPARING THESE GUIDELINES THE OFFICIALS SHOULD TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE ANNEX TO THE
DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE FORUM.

9. WELCOME THE OFFER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS
THAT THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGENCY BE LOCATED IN
HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

10. INVITE THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA TO AGREE TO THE INTERIM
AGENCY OFFICE TO BE LOCATED ON AN INTERIM BASIS IN CRONULLS,
NEW SOUTH WALES, PENDING ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON A PERMANENT
BASIS IN HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

11. REQUEST THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC TO SEEK FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENTS
AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE AGENCY
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT IS SELF-SUPPORTING AND TO RECOMMEND AN
EQUITABLE FORMULA FOR THE COSTS TO BE LEVIED ON PARTICIPATING
GOVERNMENTS.

12. DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE TO THIS
DECLARATION AND INVITE THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER
ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY GOVERNMENTS AND TERRITORIES IN THE REGION
WITH A COMMON INTEREST AS COASTAL STATES CAN PARTICIPATE
WITH MEMBERS OF THE FORUM IN THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT
OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE REGION. UNQTE.
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